

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

## OUR PEOPLE.

## OUR STORIES.



Keeping waste out of central Kentucky’s landfills is one of the University of Kentucky’s sustainability goals. By the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, UK wants to be reusing, recycling, or composting 50% of all waste produced on campus. For 2018-2019 that rate was 34%. **Facilities Management’s Waste, Recycling, and Trucking** teams are leading the University’s efforts on this front. Over the last week, they have released results from two of their long-standing waste reduction partnerships: recycling at home football games and the Give and Go Donation Drive for students moving out of residence halls. For the 2020 season, overall totals for football recycling and waste were down due to the reduced attendance and the absence of tailgating, but the diversion rate hit 27%, the highest season average since UK began tracking these numbers. Through a partnership with Residence Life, UK Housing, and Goodwill, hundreds of pounds of clothing, non-perishable food, and toiletries were donated as students moved out of residence halls for the semester. **GREAT WORK TEAM!**

**Facilities Management Medical Center** acting associate director **Derek Crouse** launched a Mechanical Room Pride initiative earlier this year. The initiative includes a competition to see which team can make the most positive improvements on the mechanical rooms in their facilities, using before and after pictures as proof. **Eddie Ellis’s** team was named the winner of the inaugural contest for their efforts in the mechanical rooms of Medical Science building. **Congratulations teams Ellis!**



## Photo Friday – Holiday Decorations

For this week’s collage, let celebrate the lights, inflatables, greenery and more that make up our winter holiday decorations. Submit your favorites from this year or years past to [shane.tedder@uky.edu](mailto:shane.tedder@uky.edu) by midnight on Thursday, December 10.

## PROTECT. RESPECT. DO YOUR PART.



WEAR A MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



PHYSICAL DISTANCE



DAILY SCREENING

